

Voice of Islam (VOI)

The Voice of Islam (VOI) is a satellite television channel with a broad following in the Islamic community and is by far the most important source of international news in most countries with a Muslim majority. It broadcasts in six languages.

The VOI makes an effort to appeal across the entire spectrum of Political Islam (see **Resource Kit, Political Islam**) from moderates to fundamentalists. It emphasizes shared themes and where differences exist, provides open debates and a range of voices. It offers itself to all who believe that Islam as a body of faith has something important to say about how politics and society should be ordered in the contemporary Muslim world and who seek to implement this idea in some fashion.

Frame

The VOI views the existing global institutions as Western dominated and is wary of their influence but is not opposed, per se, to either GLOBALIZATION WITH A HUMAN FACE or GLOBALIZATION FROM BELOW (see **Globalization Frames** in the **Resource Kit**).

Access Rules

The following teams have automatic access: **A-Team, Govt. of Fabrikistan, Islamic Labor Forum**. Other teams require your permission to meet with you.

Success Indicators

Islamic Credibility (IC). This begins at 100 and is raised by actions that enhance the respect of the Fabrikistan Government, the Fabrikistan Islamic Jihad and the Islamic Labor Forum for the VOI. It is lowered by actions that decrease the respect of these teams.

Western Credibility (WC). This begins at 100 and is raised by actions that enhance the respect of WUSA and EuroPress and is lowered by actions that decrease the respect of these teams.

$$\text{Overall Success} = 2IC + WC / 3$$

Recommended to Print from Resource Kit:

You should make hard copies of the following parts of the Resource Kit to read ahead of time or bring with you to the game sessions:

- *** Glossary of Technical Terms.
- *** GLOBALIZATION WITH A HUMAN FACE and GLOBALIZATION FROM BELOW frames.
- *** ILO Fundamental Conventions
- *** Micro-Credit Programs.
- *** Ecotourism
- *** Political Islam

Visual Materials

Visual images for each case are posted. You should print these if possible and bring them to the session.

Voice of Islam (VOI) Action Options

*** Review the case and plan your strategy of coverage during Phase One.

*** Observe and interview other relevant players during Phase Two.

*** During Phase Three, if you are permitted to observe one or more teams, you may send representatives to do so. You are not allowed to ask questions during this phase. Others on your team who are not observing may begin the preparation of your broadcast.

*** During Phase Four, there will be a press conference and you will receive press releases from the other non-journalist teams.

*** During the break between Phase Four and Phase Five, you should prepare your broadcast, for presentation during Phase Five. Treat this broadcast as a five minute presentation for a news of the week in review show. In preparing your broadcast, assume that it is a television presentation and you will need to describe the video portions of the broadcast as well as audio. In preparation for your broadcast, you should answer the following questions:

1. What information will you emphasize in the lead or opening paragraph?

2. What background information will you want to include?

3. Your portfolio includes visual materials provided below. Which items will you include in your broadcast?

4. What title will you use for your broadcast? (The title should be catchy and reflect the central theme and reflect your framing of events.)